

## *An Action Report for War and Peace*

*"The Devil himself could not tell which government, England or France is the most wicked." Nathaniel Macon*

**A** In Madison's War Message to Congress, he prioritized four reasons for going to war:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**B** Explain why the country chose to war with England and not France. . . (see the quote above)

**C** Who actually forced the votes for war? Who were the War Hawks?

**For War**

**Against War**

**War Hawks**

**D Economic Concerns.** What pushed the nation closer to war: "agrarian cupidity" or "maritime rights" as stated by John Randolph in Congress on December 11, 1811?

**E** Who did Madison send as a peace commissioner to negotiate with the British? How many times did they pack to leave? Why?

**F** What were some of the sticking points during the negotiations for the Treaty of Ghent? Why did it become a "truce of exhaustion rather than of persuasion?" Looking back at Madison's reasons for war, put a check mark beside those that were met.

**G** What legends emerged from the events of the war and the peace that made Americans believe they defeated the British?